

United States Court of Appeals  
For the Eighth Circuit

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No. 13-3346

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Brandon Scroggin

*Plaintiff - Appellant*

v.

Credit Bureau of Jonesboro, Inc.

*Defendant - Appellee*

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Appeal from United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Arkansas - Jonesboro

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Before BYE, SMITH, and KELLY, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

Brandon Scroggin appeals an order of the district court,<sup>1</sup> directing him to pay attorney's fees as a sanction for deliberately misusing the judicial process. After

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable Susan Webber Wright, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

careful review, we find no abuse of the district court's broad discretion to sanction a party under its inherent powers. See Chambers v. NASCO, Inc., 501 U.S. 32, 56-57 (1991) (party's deliberate misuse of judicial process was sanctionable under court's inherent powers; amount of award was warranted by, inter alia, need to ensure abuses would not be repeated); Kelly v. Golden, 352 F.3d 344, 352 (8th Cir. 2003) (district court has broad discretion to decide appropriate sanctions); Lamb Eng'g & Constr. Co. v. Nebraska Pub. Power Dist., 103 F.3d 1422, 1435 (8th Cir. 1997) (inherent power depends on conduct during litigation, not on which party wins); see also Marx v. Gen. Revenue Corp., 133 S. Ct. 1166, 1175-76 (2013) (district court has inherent power to award attorney's fees, notwithstanding attorney's fees provisions of Federal Debt Collection Practices Act).

Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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